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Prepare For The Long Winter Nights--Take Advantage Of The Barton County Democrat's Clubbing Offer

MILLER-HAMMOND.

One of the prettiest home weddings of the season was the marriage of Miss Jessie Grace Hammond to Mr. Roy A. Miller, of Wichita, which took place at the home of the bride's mother in this city last Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Woodward of the M. E. church. The wedding march was played by Miss Lilla Miller, sister of the groom, and the bridal couple were attended by Miss Sara Hammond and Mr. Ray Brining. The bride was beautifully gowned in white Crepe de Chene and carried a bouquet of white roses.

Mr. Miller is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Miller, of Nekoma, Kansas, and is a young man well known in this city, having been employed as bookkeeper in the Moses Bros. mill office in this city and later, when the Kansas Flour Mills Co. was organized he was transferred to the head office in Wichita and is now employed as bookkeeper with that firm. He is a young man of exemplary habits, is most highly regarded by all who know him, and will make a thorough success of whatever he undertakes in the business world.

His bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. E. A. Hammond and is one of the handsome and accomplished young women of the city, and numbers as her friends all her acquaintances. She has been employed as bookkeeper with the Grover Produce Co. for some time and is a thoroughly capable business woman. She is very popular among a large circle of acquaintances and especially among the people of the M. E. church where she has been a most active and faithful worker. The young couple left on No. 8 Wednesday evening for Wichita where they will make their future home. They were the recipients of a large number of handsome and useful presents as tokens of the love and esteem of their many friends.

The Democrat joins with the many friends in wishing for Mr. and Mrs. Miller a happy and prosperous wedded life.

Miss Henrietta Biewener returned Sunday to her home in Newton after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Essmiller, west of town.

Mrs. Rob Pfister left the last of the week for a visit with relatives and friends in Kansas City.

Mrs. Waldo Emerson, of Anarko, Okla., is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harris, and family.

Frank Brinkman, of the First National Bank, visited Sunday with relatives in Larned.

Miss Gertrude Miller returned to her home in Hutchinson Saturday after a visit with the J. C. Weather family.

LOU McCURLEY CAPTURED

Man Whom Tommy White Says Assisted in the Morgan Murder.

Lou McCurley, the man whom Tommy White, now confined in the Reno county jail for the confessed murder of Lee Morgan and others, says was his accomplice in crime, was last week captured at Algona, Iowa, by the sheriff of that place. Sheriff Brown, of this county, left last Sunday evening for Algona, and will bring McCurley back to Kansas and he will probably be lodged in the Reno county jail until the time for his trial at the November term of the district court. When McCurley disappeared from Hutchinson a few days after the murder it was thought that he would probably drift back to northern Iowa, where he had shucked corn for several falls, and the sheriff of that place, hearing of the crime, and knowing that McCurley was wanted, was on the lookout for him and succeeded in making the capture last week.

When arrested McCurley did not deny his identity and acknowledged that he had been in Great Bend at the time the murder was committed, but declared his innocence of the crime and will fight for his freedom in the courts. And it is thought by many that there is a possibility that he was not the accomplice of White in the crime. The alleged confession of White is not as straight as it should be in many particulars, and it is quite possible that he may be laying a part of the crime on McCurley in order to shield someone else, and this is the opinion that has been held by many. The officers claim that they have corroborative evidence in addition to the confession of White, which will convict both him and McCurley, but just what this evidence is they are not making it public. It is possible that he assisted White in the triple murder and he may have been the instigator of the crime, but it is going to take a whole lot more evidence than the confession of White to convince the public of this fact. The fact that White claims to have rented one of the guns at the Bondurant store when Mr. Bondurant and all of the clerks have made public affidavit that such is not the case, and they would have no reason on earth for denying the matter, and the fact that other points of his confession are not altogether straight, are enough to convince the public that still more light may be brought to bear on the subject.

Justus Sandrock was up from Hutchinson a few days last week to attend the fair, visit with his family and look after business matters.

DEDICATION OF OLMITZ CHURCH.

Beautiful Home of Worship Formally Dedicated Tuesday.

One of the most notable gatherings of the kind ever assembled in this part of the state was that which took place at Olmitz on Tuesday of this week when the beautiful new St. Ann's church was formally dedicated in the presence of several hundred guests from this and adjoining counties and many notable men of the church from all over the state.

The parish at Olmitz was organized in 1886 with Father Emmerich, now in charge of the Ellinwood parish, as resident priest. At that time there were but few families in the parish, but owing to the faithful labors of Father Emmerich and other priests who have been in charge since that time, the parish has now grown to be one of the largest and strongest in the state, and for this great success of the church too much credit can not be given to Father Huna, who, for the past fourteen years has faithfully labored for the growth and the spiritual up-building of the parish. In 1899 the home of worship which was destroyed by fire on January 23, 1913, was built. The loss of their church building was indeed a sad one to the Catholic people of the Olmitz community, and they immediately set about making arrangements for the building of a better and larger edifice, and the beautiful monument which was dedicated to the cause of the Master on Tuesday of this week was the result of their untiring labors. The new building was started on July 6th, 1913 and completed but a few days before its dedication and is one of the largest and finest church edifices of any creed in the state. It is built of brick, trimmed with white stone. Its dimensions are 120x50 feet, and top of the spire is 140 feet from the ground, and is a handsome and stately edifice of which not only the people of the parish, but of the whole county can well be proud. The interior decorations are extremely beautiful, the altars being constructed principally of the finest imported marble, and the beautiful carvings shows the work of the most expert craftsmen, and are set off with beautiful gold and silver ornamentation. The statuary is of the finest obtainable, and the entire interior presents an appearance beautiful in the extreme.

The services of dedication were held at 10 o'clock with Right Rev. Bishop Hennessy, of Wichita, in charge. Solemn High Mass was celebrated with Bishop Hennessy being assisted by the following priests:

Celebrant of Mass—Rt. Rev.

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K. OF C. MEETING AT ELLINWOOD.

Sunday, October 11th, was red letter day for the Knights of Columbus of Council No. 1187. On account of one of the best initiations of new members into the organization ever held in Ellinwood. The total that subscribed to the rules and regulations of the Council was 33 members.

On Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, special High Mass was celebrated, Rev. Father Bast of the St. Peter & Paul officiating. This late hour was chosen in order to give visiting members from the east and west part of the state a chance to attend. H. Kimpler, director of the St. Peter & Paul and his chorus sang for the occasion and it was considered a favor and a treat to all members and visitors to listen to a grand new Mass they had practised for the many visiting Knights and their ladies from various points, especially Spearville Great Bend, Hoisington, Claflin, Hutchinson and Topeka. The first and second degree was put on by the Great Bend team and the third by the Kansas City, Kans., team. After the initiation was over over 400 sat down to partake of as fine a banquet as ever was served at a festive occasion of this kind. Especial credit is due to the ladies for their great efforts in making this part of the feast a success.

Rev. Father Rice, of Claflin, acted as toastmaster and everyone enjoyed his talk and ready wit. Other prominent speakers made fine and interesting speeches. After 12 o'clock, p. m., those who wished to dance enjoyed themselves until about 4 o'clock a. m., when some were to catch No. 11 Santa Fe west. The Morris Orchestra furnished music for the occasion.

Tuesday evening, October 13, was meeting of the Council and election of officers for the ensuing year. All the present incumbents were re-elected. Especially electing Bro. L. J. DeGarmo for a third term of Grand Knight of Ellinwood Council, for his untiring efforts towards making the organization a success. The occasions will long be remembered by all of the members of St. Joseph Council No. 1187.

CELEBRATE GERMAN DAY

A number from Great Bend and vicinity were in Ellinwood Wednesday afternoon to assist in the celebration of the German Day, October 14th, the date on which the first German colony landed in America. The meeting was held in the basement of the K. of C. Opera House and was quite largely attended by the people of that section and this and adjoining counties. Excellent talks were made by Bernard Krampe, Joe Strothman, Nick Klepper, Henry Gerlof, Joe Walters and a number of others and the occasion was one heartily enjoyed by all present.

Clark Coss, who recently underwent a most serious operation at the St. Rose hospital and who for a time was in a very critical condition, is now able to be up and around a part of the time and was down town yesterday for the first time in several weeks. He is still very weak and will be unable to do any work for a long time yet, but his many friends will be pleased to know that he is recovering nicely and hope for his continued improvement.

Dr. and Mrs. Focht visited in Dodge City Sunday with their son, Fred, who is employed by the Santa Fe at that place.

Henry Witboard, of Illinois, came in Saturday night for a visit with his uncle, Will Dohrman, and family, of the south side.

Mrs. E. B. Pierce went to Augusta where she will visit relatives and also look after business matters.

Mrs. Albert Hayes and children returned home Monday from Jetmore where she was called by the death of her nephew, Leslie Wessler, who died last Thursday after suffering for some time from typhoid fever. He attended our High School last year and his class mates and many other friends will be sorry to learn of his death.

Roy Merten left Sunday for Hutchinson where he will attend the Salt City Business College.

WAS COMPLETE SUCCESS.

Barton County Fair One of the Best in Many Years.

The Eleventh Annual Barton County Fair closed Friday evening after one of the most successful sessions in every way in the history of the association. Not a single thing was lacking to make the big enterprise a "go" from the start to the finish, and the directors of the association have just cause to feel proud over the successful outcome of their efforts to give Barton county a show in which every person in the county could take an interest and pride. The weather was ideal, the crowds the largest which have ever visited the city; the free amusements of an exceptional high class; the exhibits in almost every line were very fine; the racing was of a class usually seen only on the big racing circuits, and outside of the Topeka fair, the stock show was the very best held in the state this year. There was something doing every minute of the time, and the result was that every person who attended the fair went home well satisfied that they had received the full worth of their money, and that the Barton County Fair was just a little bigger and better institution than they had imagined.

There was a good attendance on Tuesday, the first day, despite the fact that there were no races scheduled and the exhibits were just being placed, and on Wednesday it seemed as though everyone in the west and central parts of the state were in attendance. Fully twenty thousand people in all were on the grounds that day, the crowd being drawn from a big radius on account of the Hagenbeck-Wallace show which exhibited there. About twelve thousand people attended the circus performance, and even while the big show was going on, the fair grounds were literally packed all the time, and many hundred people remained down town, not even going out to the grounds on account of the big crowd. It was estimated there were something over 1500 autos in town that day, and more than that number of teams and carriages of all kinds, and during the whole day there was not a single accident of any kind, and the most strict order of every

kind was maintained, which speaks most highly for the police force of the city and their assistants.

On Thursday there was another big crowd, although nothing like the day previous. Probably six thousand people were in the city that day, many being here from a distance on account of the big Woodmen Log Rolling. This part of the program was a success in every way, several hundred members of the order being present in addition to the drill teams from the Larned, Hutchinson and Newton lodges, and the M. W. A. band of Larned. The Pawnee Rock band was also in attendance that day and brought with them several hundred people from that city and vicinity, and as usual the band made a big hit with the Great Bend people. Probably no other town in the state of its size has anywhere near as good a band as the Pawnee Rock and the people there are justified in the great pride they take in the organization.

On account of the fact that the Santa Fe train No. 568, was delayed at the Rock on account of engine trouble and did not arrive here until after 12 o'clock, the big M. W. A. parade to the fair grounds was delayed until after dinner, but it was a noteworthy event in the lodge for this part of the state. Fred Hemker was marshal of the parade, and in addition to the drill teams, the two bands and the degree team of this city, there were several hundred members of the order who formed in line at the First National Bank block and marched in a body to the grounds. The drills put on by the different teams were most excellent and elicited much applause from the big crowd. The first prize was taken by the Larned team; the second by Hutchinson and the third by Newton. The latter team was, however, penalized five points on account of having but twelve members in their team in stead of sixteen, and had it not been for this they would have captured the first prize. On account of the fact that they have only recently reorganized, the Great Bend team did not take part in any of the competitive drills, but Chief Forester Frank Russell

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